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GROUP 3600**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE, REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION,****AND REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

A final Office Action was mailed on April 12, 2002 setting a period for response due on July 12, 2002. This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed July 15, 2002. A Request for Continued Examiner (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to August 12, 2002. This Response is timely filed on August 9, 2002.

Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the remarks in the Amendment After Final filed on June 19, 2002 is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed April 12, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross et al. (US Patent No. 5,553,139) in view of Hasebe et al. (US Patent No. 5,392,351).

In the final Office Action mailed April 12, 2002, the Examiner noted that claims 1-8 were pending, and rejected claims 1-8. New claim 9 has been added, thus, claims 1-9 remain pending for reconsideration, which is requested.